

### Christian Education at 11:00am

**Children under 9 years of age** meet in classrooms west of the kitchen with Keri Anderson & Sharon Lemmon

**Children 10 years and older** meet in Room 401 with Mark & Catherine Roebuck

### Adult Group Gathering

Adult Group Discussion currently meets in the fellowship hall. **No Sunday school on Easter.**

You are also welcome to stay in the sanctuary for quiet time of prayer and contemplation.

Or join us in the fellowship hall for conversation and refreshments after worship. Please be mindful of social distancing.



**For children 6 years and under, we have a play area** set up along the back wall to your left as you enter the sanctuary. Please sit close to that play area to supervise your children/grandchildren. Clipboards with activities are available for children of all ages.

### **Our Mission Statement**

Believe God's Word. Live Christ's teaching.  
Grow spiritually and share God's love, peace, hope and joy.

**Middlebury Church of the Brethren**

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## **Middlebury Church of the Brethren**



**April 17, 2022  
Easter Sunday**

**MIDDLEBURY CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**  
a welcoming and inclusive congregation  
offering Christ's hospitality to the world

Worship – 9:30am Fellowship – 10:45am Christian Education 11:00am

April 17, 2022

**Gathering Music**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Silence and Centering**

**\*Call to Worship #668**

**\*Hymn** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* #280

**Scripture** Luke 24: 1-12 New Testament #90

**Interlude**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers for the People**

**Offering**

You are invited to leave your offerings on the table by the sanctuary doors.

**Offering Prayer**

**Hymn** *Lo in the Grave He Lay* #273

**Message**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

One: God, You orchestrate such amazing surprises that we catch our breath.

**All: We praise You for this joy too great for words,**

One: But not for tears and songs and sharing.

**All: We praise You for this mercy that blots out our betrayals and bids us to begin again,**

One: To limp on,

**All: To mend what is broken in and around us, and to forgive the breakers.**

One: We praise You for this “yes” to life and laughter, love and lovers, and to our unwinding selves.

**All: We praise You for this kingdom unleashed in us and us in it forever**

One: With no dead ends to growing, choices, chances, calls to be just;

**All: No dead ends to living, making peace, dreaming dreams, finding gladness of heart.**

One: We praise You, God,

**All: For this resurrection madness which is wiser than we are, and in which we see how great You are, how full of grace.**

One: Alleluia!

**All: Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*Hymn** *Proclaim the Tidings Near and Far* #282

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

\*Congregation stands in body and/or spirit, as you wish.

If you are new or visiting, you are most welcome in worship and to stay for a time of fellowship afterwards. Please fill out the guest card located in the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary.

The offering prayer is from *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion, Year C*.  
The affirmation of faith is based on a poem from *Guerillas of Grace* by Ted Loder.

Interim Pastor – Debbie Eisenbise      Worship Leader – Renee Black

Pianist – Lorie Copeland      Flutist – Sherry Bickel

Ushers – Martha Huebert & Tom Miller      Greeters – Beth & Don Muhlnickel

Worship Center – Sheila & Steve Poyser

Sound Loft – Mark Roebuck, William Coffey, Matt Weaver

***Upcoming in worship***

*April 24<sup>th</sup> – John 20: 19-31*

*May 1<sup>st</sup> – Guest Preacher, Tim Morphew*

*Mother's Day: May 8<sup>th</sup> – Acts 9: 36-43*

*Camp Mack Sunday: May 15<sup>th</sup> – Psalm 148*

**Announcements**  
**April 17, 2022**

**Office hours:**

**Pastor Debbie's** regular schedule is as follows. Additional times in the office are noted on the calendar outside her office door. Her email: [pastordebbie@mcob.org](mailto:pastordebbie@mcob.org)

Mondays	Her Sabbath/day off
Tuesdays	11am-3pm
Fridays	11am-4pm

**Dalis:** 9:30am – 3:00pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.

Bulletins are printed on Thursday and can't be adjusted after that. Please know that emails and voicemails that come into the office Friday – Monday will not be seen until Tuesday.

**Lorie:** 8:30-5:30 Monday-Friday.

Please check your mailbox for the **Joys and Concerns** list.

**Directory change:** Gordy Mock's cell phone is 574 312-4514

Addresses to send cards of support and condolences:

**Trenda Fry:** 11707 CR 16, Middlebury 46540

**Marj Miller:** 1121 Montgomery Ave., Apt. 314, Staunton, VA 24401

**Julie Hochstetler (family of Tony Bell):** 53218 Palmetto Dr., Middlebury 46540

**Sunday School Schedule after Easter**

April 24: Jesus' Last Week

May 1: Sam Grewe Ted Talk: Julie B.

May 8: Ginny Mock 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

May 15: Camp Mack Sunday

May 22: AC Briefing: Don A. / Graduation Sunday

May 29: All Church / Interim / Pastoral Search

**Open Leadership Position:** A volunteer to serve as church clerk. Please see Board Chairperson Lorie Copeland if you are interested.

**The Food Pantry desperately needs kids' packs supplies**, including but not limited to: chips, cookies, rice crispy treats, fruit snacks, crackers and granola bars. Non-perishable food and other items are always being collected or you may donate money for milk vouchers. Bring your donations to the church at the back of the sanctuary. Also, canned goods should have the pop-top lids when possible. **Items can be dropped off in their drop boxes located outside the pantry on CR 16.**

We are using **individually packaged treats** that will be served during fellowship time. If you are planning to bring in a treat, please consider making sure they are individually packaged. If you have questions, please contact Sherry Bickel. Thank you!

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And **find us on Facebook** at Middlebury Church of the Brethren.